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SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR IDB- VII OPENING REMARKS

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SUMMARY: MISSION APPRECIATES OPPORTUNITY COMMENT ON THOUGHTFUL
SUGGESTIONS FOR US OPENING STATEMENT TO IDB- VII CONTAINED REFTEL
AND SUBMITS FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS. END SUMMARY

1. BASIC APPROACH SET FORTH IN PARA 2 APPEARS TO BE
GENERALLY SOUND. HOWEVER, WHEN PROPOSING THAT IDB NOW
TAKE UP WHERE EXPERTS' REPORT HAS LEFT OFF AND MOVE TO
IDENTIFY AND FOCUS MORE SHARPLY ON KEY ISSUES OF
INDUSTRIALIZATION ON WHICH UNIDO RESOURCES MIGHT BE
CONCENTRATED, WE FEEL USDEL SHOULD BE COGNIZANT OF THE
FOLLOWING: EXPERTS' REPORT, WITH ITS OBVIOUS SHORTCOMINGS,
IS TO A LARGE EXTENT REFLECTIVE OF GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES,
DESPITE THE FACT THAT OSTENSIBLY THE EXPERTS SERVED IN THEIR
INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES. WE FEEL THIS IS SUGGESTIVE AS TO
WHAT FURTHER CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY WAY OF DEFINING ORIENTATION
FOR UNIDO. WHILE IT IS DESIRABLE THAT FURTHER EFFORTS BE
MADE TO DISTILL A STRATEGY FOR UNIDO AND WHILE WE SHOULD
SUGGEST AT IDB- VII THAT THIS IS POSSIBLE, BUILDING ON
THE EXPERTS' REPORT, WE ARE INCREASINGLY SKEPTICAL THAT
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AGREEMENT AMONG THE UNIDO MEMBERSHIP ON WHAT THE US WOULD REGARD AS A MEANINGFUL STRATEGY FOR UNIDO IS ATTAINABLE. FOR EXAMPLE, IT IS LIKELY THAT MANY DELEGATIONS WILL BE INTERESTED BASICALLY ONLY IN THRESHING OUT EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATIONS. AS WE SEE IT, THEREFORE, IF ONE MORE EFFORT IS TO BE MADE, WHAT IS NEEDED, FOLLOWING ON IDB DEBATE OF EXPERTS' REPORT, IS CAREFUL EXPLORATION AMONG KEY DELEGATIONS AND FEELING OUT OF RESPECTIVE VIEWS ON WHAT UNIDO STRATEGY SHOULD BE ABOUT, AN EXERCISE BEST PURSUED IN RELAXED, INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE RATHER THAN BEFORE MICROPHONE WITH SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION AND OTHER TRAPPINGS OF AN OFFICIALLY CONSTITUTED BODY. (AN OFFICIALLY CONSTITUTED BODY FOR THIS PURPOSE, WOULD, MOREOVER, RAISE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS OF REPRESENTATION, UNLESS IT WERE ESTABLISHED AS AN OPEN- ENDED GROUP ON WHICH ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD WOULD BE ENTITLED TO SIT.) THUS, SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD APPEAR BEST PURSUED AFTER IDB- VII IN CONTINUED MEETINGS OF THE INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP WITH PERHAPS SOMEWHAT CHANGED COMPOSITION AND WITH AN UNDERSTANDING THAT, IF IT PROVED EVENTUALLY POSSIBLE TO MOVE ON TO MORE DETAILED " HARDER" DISCUSSION, SECRETARIAT COULD BE ASKED TO PROVIDE SUCH ESSENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES AS MIGHT THEN BE REQUIRED. AGREE THAT AS PART OF SUCH FOLLOW- UP, IDB- VII SHOULD PUT FURTHER DISCUSSION OF UNIDO STRATEGY ON PC- III AGENDA.

2. RE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION FOR SUCH INTER- SESSIONAL EXERCISE, WE FEEL, THAT, TO BEGIN WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIGHT BE REQUESTED BY IDB TO PREPARE SINGLE REPORT ANALYZING IMPLICATIONS OF EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNIDO AND POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTING THEM WITHIN RESOURCES PROSPECTIVELY AVAILABLE OVER THE MDIUM TERM, TOGETHER WITH ANALYSIS OF ORGANIZATIONAL REARRANGEMENT THAT MIGHT BE NECESSARY IN THE SECRETARIAT. REPORT MIGHT BE CHARACTERIZED AS INTENDED FACILITATE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF PROBLEM OF UNIDO STRATEGY BY IDB MEMBERS, TO BE SUBMITTED BY GIVEN DATE. QUESTIONS LISTED UNDER REFTTEL PARA 5 (C) AND (D) COULD BE SUBSUMED UNDER SUCH REPORT. (INDICATIONS ARE OF GROWING INTEREST AMONG DELEGATIONS IN REPORT BY EX DIRECTOR ALONG ABOVE LINES). PRECISE WORDING OF REQUEST TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY BECOME SUBJECT OF CLOSE ATTENTION, SINCE IMPORTANT QUESTION MAY BE WHETHER REPORT SHOULD BASICALLY BE CONCERNED WITH REORDERING PRIORITIES " WITHIN CURRENT CEILING LIMITS" OR BECOME VEHICLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR MEASURING AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES REQUIRED.

3. RE SUBJECT MATTER ADDRESSED PARA 5 (A) AND (B) REFTEL, THESE IN ANY CASE BEING DEALT WITH OUTSIDE CONTEXT EXPERTS' REPORT AND UNIDO STRATEGY. FOR EXAMPLE, QUESTION HOW UNIDO MIGHT BEST FOCUS ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF DD- II WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BOTH IN TERMS UNIDO SECTORAL CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL UN REVIEW AND APPRAISAL ACTIVITIES AND PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTATION FOR UNIDO- II. RE POSSIBLE REPORT ON HOW UNIDO MIGHT ACHIEVE MORE EFFECTIVE COOPERATION WITH OTHER ELEMENTS UN SYSTEM, ONE APPROACH WOULD BE TO GIVE SECRETARIAT MORE EXPLICIT GUIDANCE ON WHAT WE WOULD WISH COVERED IN NEXT REPORT TO IDB ON COORDINATION (THIS YEAR' S DOCUMENTS KD/ B/126, 127 AND 134), SINCE EX DIRECTOR' S ATTITUDE TOWARD GENERAL REQUEST OF THIS SORT MIGHT BE TO RESPOND THAT HE IN FACT DISCUSSES THIS SUBJECT ANNUALLY IN HIS REPORTS TO IDB.

4. AGREE SHOULD STRESS EVALUATION AS IMPORTANT KEY TO IMPROVING UNIDO EFFECTIVENESS. WOULD HOPE WASHINGTON MEMBERS US DEL WILL BRING GUIDANCE ON SPECIFIC POINTS THAT MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN ANY IDB- VII ACTION ON EVALUATION.

5. DIRECTION IN WHICH IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MOVE ON UNIDO STRATEGY MAY BE CLEARER FOLLOWING NEXT INTER- GROUP DISCUSSION SCHEDULED TAKE PLACE TOMORROW. (VIENNA 2884). STIBRAVY

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